



**2015 Rural Summit – “Aspire Rural Maryland”
Thursday, December 3, 2015 in Annapolis, Maryland**

***Draft Agenda
(Subject to Change)***

One Day Conference

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Participant Registration and Exhibitor Set-Up	
Opening of 2015 Rural Summit/Continental Breakfast		
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Welcome by RMC Chair, Scott Warner Keynote Address (To Be Announced)	
10:00 – 10:10 a.m.	Visit Exhibits/Sponsors	
10:10 – 11:10 a.m.	Panel Discussion – Agriculture	Panel Discussion – Community Development
11:10 – 11:20 a.m.	Visit Exhibits/Sponsors	
11:20 – 12:00 noon	Secretaries of Maryland Departments (MDA, MDE, DHMH, DHCD, DBED, DNR)	
Luncheon with Maryland Rural Impact Awards		
12:00 – 1:30 p.m.	<p><i>Plated Lunch and Maryland Rural Impact Awards</i></p> <p><i>Invited Speaker: Governor Larry Hogan</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">★ Rural Community Volunteer (up to two awards) - For leadership, dedication, and noteworthy volunteer achievement beyond the call of one’s professional duties to help improve their community.★ Outstanding Rural Economic Development Award - For a program, project or organization that successfully attracts, retains or creates jobs in at least one rural county.★ Outstanding Rural Community Development Award - For a program, project or organization that substantially improves the quality of life in at least one rural community.★ Outstanding Legislator Award- This award is presented for outstanding leadership and public service in promoting legislation and/or policy solutions to benefit rural communities.	
1:30 – 1:45 p.m.	Visit Exhibits/Sponsors	
1:45 – 2:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion – Economic Development	Panel Discussion – Health Care
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Visit Exhibits/Sponsors	
3:00 – 4:45 p.m.	Panel Discussion – Federal Government Panel (Invited: USDA Sec. Tom Vilsack; Senator Ben Cardin; Senator Barbara Mikulski; Congressman John Delaney; Congressman Andy Harris; Congressman Steny Hoyer; Congressman Chris Van Hollen, Jr.)	
4:45 – 5:00 p.m.	Visit Exhibits/Sponsors	
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Networking Reception	